

**BERMUDA**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE**

**SESSION OF 2025 - 2026**

**No. 19**

**MONDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2026**

**PRESENT:**

- Senator the Hon. Mrs. J.E. DILLAS-WRIGHT,  
M.B.E., J.P. - PRESIDENT
  - Senator R.J. WIGHT – VICE PRESIDENT
  - Senator Ms. T.O.P. TANNOCK
  - Senator the Hon. K.R. WILKERSON, J.P.
  - Senator the Hon. C.C. CAESAR, J.P.
  - Senator Ms. L.K. SIMMONS
  - Senator M.G. FUBLER
  - Senator Ms. L.F. BELL
  - Senator Ms. V.J. CUNNINGHAM
  - Senator T.J.D. SMITH
  - Senator D.H. ROGERS
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**10:05a.m.**

Senator R.J. Wight moved that the minutes of Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 be deferred, which was agreed to.

**Announcements**

**10:06a.m.**

On behalf of Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar, Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson presented for the information of Senate the “Corporate Income Tax (Tax Refund Reserve Fund) Amendment Regulations 2026” as made by the Minister of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 50A of the Corporate Income Tax Act 2023; and the

“Economic Substance Amendment Regulations 2026” as made by the Minister of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the Economic Substance Act 2018.

**10:07a.m.**

Senator L.F. Bell presented for the information of Senate the “Economic Development

Strategy 2023-2027 Strategic Priority 5: Investing in People Update”.

**Notices of Motion**

**10:08a.m.**

With the Governor’s recommendation and in accordance with section 36(3) of the Bermuda Constitution, and on behalf of Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar, Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson presented for the consideration of Senate the “Government Fees Amendment Regulations 2026”, proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance, in exercise of the power conferred by section 2 of the Government Fees Act 1965; and gave notice she would move that the said draft Regulations be approved at a later point in the meeting.

**10:09a.m.**

Senator L.F. Bell presented for the consideration of Senate the “Health Insurance (Standard Health Benefit) Amendment Regulations 2026”, proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for tourism, under section 40 of the Health Insurance Act 1970; and gave notice she would move that the said draft Regulations be approved at a later point in the meeting.

**Introduction of Bills**

**10:10a.m.**

The following Public Bills were brought up from the Honourable House of Assembly, and given their First Reading in the Senate:-

The “Health Insurance (Mutual Re-Insurance Fund) (Prescribed Sum) Validation Act 2026”;

The “Customs Tariff Amendment Act 2026”;  
{Governor’s Recommendation Signified}

The “Corporate Income Tax Agency Amendment Act 2026”; and

The “Economic Substance Amendment Act 2026”.

**Orders of the Day**

**10:12a.m.**

Senator the Hon. The President made an announcement regarding a Procedural Error that

occurred on Third Reading of the “Municipalities Reform Amendment Act 2026”.

She informed Senators that during consideration of the Bill entitled the “Municipalities Reform Amendment Act 2026”, there was objection to the Third Reading by at least three Senators. At that point, Senate proceeded to a division vote on the Third Reading, which was defeated by 6 votes to 5. With that vote, Senate concluded its consideration of the Bill and Senate then proceeded to take up consideration of the next item on the Orders of the Day.

After reflecting on this proceeding on the day after the meeting, the Clerks and the President took a close look at the Senate’s Standing Orders (S.O.s) for procedure on the Third Reading of Bills to determine whether correct procedure had been followed. It was seen that S.O. 35, in particular, applies on the Third Reading motion. S.O. 35 reads as follows:

“35. A Bill having passed through the Committee of the whole Senate, or by leave of the Senate, having been read a second time without referral to the Committee of the whole Senate, may forthwith be read a third time and passed unless at least three Members object to the motion for the third reading, in which case the third reading shall be deferred to the next day of meeting.”

In accordance with S.O. 35, once there had been objection from at least three Senators, the correct procedure would have been for the President to recite the provisions of S.O. 35 requiring the Third Reading to be carried over to the next meeting. At that point, Senate could have agreed to carry over the Third Reading or the Senator-In-Charge (or another Senator) could have taken the option of moving to have S.O. 35 suspended. If that motion was approved, Senate could have then gone on to do the Third Reading motion on the Bill.

In order to correct the Procedural Error, we must rescind the Third Reading vote on the Bill on 18th March 2026, such that the Minister in Charge can now re-put the Third Reading motion and Senate can proceed from that point.

Toward that end, Madam President moved that the Third Reading of the Bill entitled the “Municipalities Reform Amendment Act 2026”, at

the 18th March 2026 meeting be rescinded, which was agreed to.

Madam President then called on the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson, to re-put the Third Reading motion for the Bill.

Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson deferred the Third Reading of the “Municipalities Reform Amendment Act 2026” until a later point in the meeting.

10:15a.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

10:15a.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

10:16a.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

10:16a.m. – Senator L.K. Simmons

10:17a.m. – Senator D.H. Rogers

10:18a.m. – Senator L.K. Simmons

10:18a.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

10:20a.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

10:20a.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

10:20a.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

10:21a.m. – Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar

10:22a.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

**10:23a.m.**

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Senate do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for further consideration of the “Appropriation Act 2026”, together with the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year 2026/2027, which was agreed to.

(Senator R.J. Wight in the Chair)

**10:25a.m.**

Senator R.J. Wight acknowledged the presence of Mr. David Roberts, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Justice and Ms. Irene Muiri in the Chamber.

**10:25a.m.**

Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson moved that the Committee do now take under consideration Head 87 - Ministry of Justice Headquarters; Head 25 - Department of Corrections; Head 74 - Department of Court Services and Head 75 - Department of Public Prosecutions, which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson spoke on Head 87.

10:51a.m. - Senator V.J. Cunningham

10:52a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

10:54a.m. - Senator V.J. Cunningham

10:56a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

10:58a.m. - Senator V.J. Cunningham

10:58a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

10:58a.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

10:59a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:00a.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

11:00a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:00a.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

11:01a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:01a.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

11:02a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:02a.m. - Senator V.J. Cunningham

11:02a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:03a.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

11:03a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:03a.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

11:04a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:06a.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

11:07a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:09a.m. - Senator V.J. Cunningham

11:09a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:10a.m. - Senator V.J. Cunningham

11:11a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:12a.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

11:13a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:18a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson spoke on the Heads.

11:31a.m. - Senator V.J. Cunningham

11:33a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:35a.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

11:36a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:36a.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

11:38a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:38a.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

11:39a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:40a.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

11:40a.m. - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:41a.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

11:42a.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

11:43a.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

11:45a.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

12:01p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

12:03p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

12:04p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

12:06p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

12:08p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

12:09p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

12:10p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

12:10p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

12:11p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

12:11p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

12:11p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

12:13p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson spoke on Head 25.

**12:36p.m.**

Senator R.J. Wight moved that Senate do now adjourn for lunch and resume at 2:15p.m., which was agreed to.

**2:01p.m.**

The Senate resumed in Committee of the Whole.

(Senator R.J. Wight in the Chair)

2:01p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson continued.

2:25p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

2:26p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

2:29p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

2:30p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

2:30p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

2:32p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

2:33p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

2:37p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

2:38p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

2:39p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

2:40p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

2:40p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

2:42p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

2:45p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

2:46p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

2:48p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson spoke on Head 74.

3:09p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

3:10p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

3:14p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

3:15p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

3:16p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

3:20p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

3:21p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

3:22p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

3:23p.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

3:23p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson spoke on Head 75.

3:40p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

3:41p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

3:41p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

3:42p.m. – Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson replied.

**3:43p.m.**

Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson moved that Heads 87, 25, 74 and 75 be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

(3:44p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock in the Chair)

**3:46p.m.**

Senator M.G. Fubler moved that the Committee do now take under consideration Head 36 – Public Works and Environment Headquarters; Head 68 – Parks and Head 79 – Environment and Natural Resources, which was agreed to.

4:17p.m. – Senator R.J. Wight  
(4:19p.m. – Senator M.G. Fubler P.O.C)

4:21p.m. – Senator D.H. Rogers

4:25p.m. – Senator M.G. Fubler replied.

4:26p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

3:29p.m. – Senator M.G. Fubler replied.

3:30p.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

3:31p.m. – Senator M.G. Fubler replied.

3:33p.m. – Senator M.G. Fubler spoke on Head 68.

4:54p.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

4:56p.m. – Senator D.H. Rogers  
(4:58p.m. – M.G. Fubler P.O.C)

5:00p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

5:06p.m. – Senator M.G. Fubler replied.

5:13p.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

5:14p.m. – Senator M.G. Fubler replied.

5:19p.m. – Senator D.H. Rogers

5:19p.m. – Senator spoke on Head 79.

5:55p.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

5:56p.m. – Senator D.H. Rogers  
(5:58p.m. – Senator M.G. Fubler P.O.C)

6:02p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

6:06p.m. – Senator M.G. Fubler replied.

**6:15p.m.**

Senator M.G. Fubler moved that Heads 36, 68 and 79 be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

Senator M.G. Fubler moved that the Committee rise, report progress and ask for leave to sit again -- which was agreed to.

The Chairperson reported that the Committee had risen, reported progress and requested leave to sit again for further consideration of the Bill.

The Committee rose and the Senate resumed.

The Committee was accordingly granted leave to sit again.

**6:19p.m.**

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Public Bill entitled the “Payroll Tax Amendment and Validation Act 2026”; be now read the second time, which was objected to by Senator D.H. Rogers.

Madam President ruled that the Third Reading of the “Municipalities Reform Amendment Act 2026” would occur at the end of the Orders of the Day.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar spoke on the Bill.

6:30p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

6:32p.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

6:33p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

6:34p.m. – Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar replied.  
(6:37p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock P.O.C)

6:39p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

6:42p.m. – Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar replied.

6:44p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

6:44p.m. – Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar replied.  
(6:45p.m. – Senator D.H. Rogers P.O.I)

6:45p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

6:46p.m. – Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar replied.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that Standing Order 26 be suspended in respect of this Bill, which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Bill be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Bill entitled the “Payroll Tax Amendment and Validation Amendment Act 2026 do now pass, which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly passed and ordered to be laid before His Excellency the Governor for His Excellency’s assent.

**6:48p.m.**

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the provisions of Standing Order 71(2) be suspended, which was agreed to.

With the Governor’s recommendation and in accordance with section 36(3) of the Bermuda Constitution, Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that Senate do now take under consideration the “Government Authorities (Fees) Amendment Order 2026” proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance, in exercise of the power conferred by section 4(1) of the Government Authorities (Fees) Act 1971, which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar spoke on the Order.

6:51p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

**6:52p.m.**

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the said draft Order be approved and that the following Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:-

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Senate, having had under consideration the draft Order entitled the “Government Authorities (Fees) Amendment Order 2026” proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance, in exercise of the power conferred by section 4(1) of the Government Authorities (Fees) Act 1971, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Senate has approved the said draft Order.”

-- which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

**6:53p.m.**

Senator M.G. Fubler moved that the Public Bill entitled the “Auxiliary Bicycles (Project Ride) Amendment Act 2026” be now read the second time, which was agreed to.

Senator M.G. Fubler spoke on the Bill.

7:02p.m. – Senator T.J.D. Smith

7:04p.m. – Senator L.K. Simmons

7:07p.m. – Senator M.G. Fubler replied.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Senator M.G. Fubler moved that Standing Order 26 be suspended in respect of this Bill, which was agreed to.

Senator M.G. Fubler moved that the Bill be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Senator M.G. Fubler moved that the Bill entitled the “Auxiliary Bicycles (Project Ride)

Amendment Act 2026” do now pass, which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly passed and ordered to be laid before His Excellency the Governor for His Excellency’s assent.

**7:11p.m.**

With the Governor’s recommendation and in accordance with section 36(3) of the Bermuda Constitution, Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Public Bill entitled the “Customs Tariff Amendment Act 2026” be now read the second time, which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar spoke on the Bill.

**7:24p.m.**

Madam President acknowledged the presence of Mr. Dean Lema, Principal Customs Officer and colleague in the Chamber.

7:24p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

7:26p.m. – Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar replied.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that Standing Order 26 be suspended in respect of this Bill, which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Bill be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Bill entitled the “Customs Tariff Amendment Act 2026” do now pass, which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly passed and ordered to be laid before His Excellency the Governor for His Excellency’s assent.

**7:29p.m.**

Senator L.F. Bell moved that Senate do now take under consideration the “Health Insurance (Standard Health Benefit) Amendment

Regulations 2026” proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for health, acting on the recommendation of the Council, in exercise of the power conferred by section 40 of the Health Insurance Act 1970, which was agreed to.

Senator L.F. Bell spoke on the Regulations.

7:39p.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

7:40p.m. – Senator D.H. Rogers

7:43p.m. – Senator L.F. Bell

7:47p.m. – Senator D.H. Rogers

7:47p.m. – Senator L.F. Bell replied.

Senator L.F. Bell moved that the said draft Regulations be approved and that the following Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:-

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Senate, having had under consideration the draft Regulations entitled the “Health Insurance (Standard Health Benefit) Amendment Regulations 2026” proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for health, acting on the recommendation of the Council, in exercise of the power conferred by section 40 of the Health Insurance Act 1970, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Senate has approved the said draft Regulations.”

-- which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

**7:50p.m.**

Senator L.F. Bell moved that the Public Bill entitled the “Health Insurance (Mutual Re-Insurance Fund) (Prescribed Sum) Validation Act 2026” be now read the second time, which was agreed to.

Senator L.F. Bell spoke on the Bill.

7:53p.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

7:54p.m. – Senator D.H. Rogers

7:58p.m. – Senator L.F. Bell replied.

8:03p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

8:06p.m. – Senator L.F. Bell replied.

8:06p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

8:06p.m. – Senator L.F. Bell replied.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Senator L.F. Bell moved that Standing Order 26 be suspended in respect of this Bill, which was agreed to.

Senator L.F. Bell moved that the Bill be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Senator L.F. Bell moved that the Bill entitled the “Health Insurance (Mutual Re-Insurance Fund) (Prescribed Sum) Validation Act 2026” do now pass, which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly passed and ordered to be laid before His Excellency the Governor for His Excellency’s assent.

**8:09p.m.**

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the provisions of Standing Order 25 be granted so that Senate may now proceed with the Second Reading of the Public Bill entitled the “Corporate Income Tax Agency Amendment Act 2026”, which was agreed to.

**8:09p.m.**

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Public Bill entitled the “Corporate Income Tax Agency Amendment Act 2026” be now read the second time, which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar spoke on the Bill.

8:15p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

8:17p.m. – Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar  
(8:18p.m. – Senator L.K. Simmons P.O.I)

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that Standing Order 26 be suspended in respect of this Bill, which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Bill be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Bill entitled the “Corporate Income Tax Agency Amendment Act 2026” do now pass, which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly passed and ordered to be laid before His Excellency the Governor for His Excellency’s assent.

**8:21p.m.**

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the provisions of Standing Order 25 be granted so that Senate may now proceed with the Second Reading of the Public Bill entitled the “Economic Substance Amendment Act 2026”, which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar spoke on the Bill.

8:25p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

8:27p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

8:28p.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

8:30p.m. – Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar replied.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that Standing Order 26 be suspended in respect of this Bill, which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Bill be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Bill entitled the “Economic Substance Amendment Act 2026” do now pass, which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly passed and ordered to be laid before His Excellency the Governor for His Excellency's assent.

**8:33p.m.**

On behalf of Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar, Senator M.G. Fubler moved that Standing Order 71(2) be suspended, which was agreed to.

Senator M.G. Fubler moved that Senate do now take under consideration the "Government Fees Amendment Regulations 2026" proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance, in exercise of the power conferred by section 2 of the Government Fees Act 1965, which was agreed to.

8:37p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

8:39p.m – Senator M.G. Fubler replied.

Senator M.G. Fubler moved that the said draft Regulations be approved and that the following Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:-

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Senate, having had under consideration the draft Regulations entitled the "Government Fees Amendment Regulations 2026" proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance, in exercise of the power conferred by section 2 of the Government Fees Act 1965, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Senate has approved the said draft Regulations."

-- which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

**8:40p.m.**

Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson moved that the Bill entitled the "Municipalities Reform Amendment Act 2026" be now read a third time, which was objected to by Senator V.J. Cunningham, Senator D.H. Rogers, Senator T.J.D. Smith, Senator R.J. Wight and Senator T.O.P. Tannock.

In accordance with S.O. 35, the Third Reading was carried over to the next day of meeting.

**Congratulations and/or Obituary Speeches**

**8:45p.m.**

Senator L.K. Simmons offered condolences to the family of the late Ms. Paulette Smith who was a good friend and a strong PLP supporter.

Senator V.J. Cunningham, congratulated Bermuda's pickleball team on their showing at the Caribbean Pickleball Championships, including Ms. Naphisa Smith. She also congratulated former OBA Senator, Mr. Maurice Foley on his work as the Deputy Chairman for the Bermuda Caregivers Alliance.

Senator T.J.D. Smith offered condolences to the families of the late Mr. Leslie Wilson, Mr. Thomas Brown and Mrs. Ruthella Smith.

Senator D.H. Rogers offered condolences to the families of the late Ms. Eleanor Brown and Ms. Dorothy Hassell. He associated with the condolences offered to the family of the late Ms. Ruthella Smith.

Senator L.K. Simmons wished Parliament Information Officer, Mr. Derek Lamb and his wife, Ashleigh a happy third wedding anniversary.

Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson congratulated the Bermuda Youth Advisory Board for their advocacy on youth mental health awareness.

**8:53p.m.**

Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson moved that, at its rising, the Senate adjourn to Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – which was agreed to.

8:53p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock

8:56p.m. – Senator D.H. Rogers (**maiden speech**)

**9:06p.m.**

Adjourned until Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**PRESIDENT**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Wednesday – 25th March 2026**

- (1) Resolution into Committee of the Whole for further consideration of the “Appropriation Act 2026”, together with the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2026/2027  
**{Governor’s Recommendation Signified}**